First Free ROCKFORD

Pastor Josh Pardee - April 26, 2020

SERMON NOTES AND SCRIPTURE

John 9:1–5 (NIV)

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

3 "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. 4 As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. 5 While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

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Literal Greek to English

Jesus replied, "Neither this man sinned nor his parents. But so that the works of God may be revealed in him it is necessary for us to work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no-one is able to work."

John 9:6–12 (NIV)

6 After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. 7 "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

8 His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" 9 Some claimed that he was.

Others said, "No, he only looks like him."

But he himself insisted, "I am the man."

10 "How then were your eyes opened?" they asked.

11 He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see."

12 "Where is this man?" they asked him.

"I don't know," he said.

- **1.** The blind man now saw in ways the spiritual leaders could not.
- **2.** You can't be healed until you recognize that you need healing.

GROUP DISCUSSION

Read John 9:1–12 together as a life group.

Pastor Josh shared a sermon about a blind man who received his sight through Jesus. How did this passage encourage you this week?

What did you learn about the character of God?

Where in your life have you had an "I was blind and now I can see moment?"

How can our group pray for you right now?